

May 24, 1948.

Mr. Norton Zinder,
2850 Claflin Ave.,
New York 63, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Zinder,

The position to which Dr. Ryan has referred is still open, but it will be possible to consider your application only if it is completed very soon. Enclosed is a standard application form. Please fill it out and return with the following additional items.

1. The Blue sheet: to the Graduate Office with a certified transcript of your record.
2. The white sheet, with a photograph, an additional copy of your transcript (need not be an official one) and a Columbia College catalog showing your course marked out, to myself. Item 20. need merely be the substance of a letter describing the kind of work you consider yourself preparing for if you were to attend here.
3. References: please have them addressed to me. At least one of the respondents should be well acquainted with your laboratory work and be prepared to comment on it.

The department would not now be interested to consider applicants who contemplated terminating their studies here before their completion (e.g. to accept a place in Medical School). I mean that I would consider that you were under a certain moral obligation to tell us now your attitude on this question.

The opening is for a $\frac{1}{2}$ -time research assistantship. You could pursue a full program leading to the M.A. or Ph.D., and concurrently pursue a research problem in your major field. Until you have had an opportunity to develop a special interest, the subject would necessarily be more or less assigned. Dr. Ryan can tell you something of our present interests. The job pays roughly \$100 a month and remission of non-resident fees, and can be appointed either for the academic or calendar year. Please indicate whether, if appointed, you would prefer to begin during the summer or fall.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Joshua Lederberg
Assistant Professor of Genetics.